

2/6/09

Steering Notes

Student Environmental Center

Attendees: Jason, Megan, Sergio, Nick, Steve, Renee, Cat, Rachel, Joyce, Sarah, Nicky, Katie, Desiree, Sophie, Jeff

Updates:

General Gathering:

- Wind Campaign?
- Sustainable Valentines Day if not the wind campaign. Joyce has plenty of extra stuff
- Sarah can give a teach-in on “how to stop junk mail”
- Class raps worked

Media Update:

- New media intern interested, could shadow Alex. Completely willing to split position
- Sergio will send out information about media intern requirements
- Write a blurb for each campaign and bring to Steering this week. Then we can send to Katie Landeros
- Anyone who wants to go can attend the Hillel environmental party

Tabling Update:

- We need more tabling!
- Tuesday: Nicky can
- Wednesday: Steve and Renee can
- Thursday: Jason can

Committee on Sustainability Stewardship:

- Committee that is for administrative units with student seats on it to help with operational and (maybe academic)
- Anyone can go, higher ups are there, not scary
- They need to know what the students are doing
- Joyce doesn't want to have to represent us. Students need to go!
- News update is necessary

- Desiree and Jason can go
- Meeting is at Kerr Hall 212

CSSC:

- Call on Sunday; if your interested, Rachel can tell you how
- Nicky and Katie interested
- 4 or 5pm this Sunday
- Rachel will email to secsteering@envirolug.org
- Tabling at Strengthening the Roots: does ESLP and SEC want to joint table? Sarah will table.
- Next weekend here in Santa Cruz. Register if you want.
- Renee found a great campsite, 10 minutes from CSSC. Doesn't know the cost.

Mid-Quarter Check-In:

- 11-1pm on Sunday
- Potluck
- Meet at Sarah Olsen's house: 1616 Bay Street
- Optional hike afterwards

Katie Referendum:

- Facebook group: Referendum 28
- Good source for volunteers
- February 15th referendum signatures begin
- SEC tabling, dining halls, Earth Summit, big classes
- Utilize environmental groups: PICA, CAN, CalPIRG, Path to a Greener Stevenson, Merrill Environmental Groups
- Alex will help out a lot
- The new 2-unit Australians will help. They will help with signatures, campaigning, powerpoint for 18th General Gathering
- Sign up sheet for volunteers at General Gathering for signatures

FoSEC:

- We have a Friends of the SEC that used to be our board of advisors
- People who have been in, helped set up the SEC

- They are an excellent support network
- We are meeting once this year
- Jeff is working on setting up a meeting this quarter
- Board of Advisors meetings have been having difficulty because of individualized questions
- More unofficial one-on-one meetings, with one group meeting
- How about getting faculty back in the group?
- What would you want out of this kind of meeting?
 - Asking for some Friends to come to General Gathering
 - Current issues may be good things to ask about
 - Funding process
 - Basic organizational development and how to do it
 - Charter? By-laws?
 - For new projects, are we repeating projects? How do we ensure that we don't lose longevity?

Staff Liaison Position:

-Proposed position that an SEC member would be closely working with the Sustainability Office and other administrative units to ensure that communication is there between staff units and SEC

This Person Could:

- Communicate with the Sustainability Office
- Communicate with the Committee on Sustainable Stewardship
- Communicate with Student Affairs
- Would update to Steering weekly
- Could sit on the (and work with setting up) SUA, but not necessary
- Could work as a CSSC representative, but would need some shadowing

What Criteria:

- Similar training quarter as with campaigns
- Document for determining working relationship could be a good basis for communication

- Make sure we talk with the Sustainability Office to ensure that the position will be accepted.
- If we want to use Rachel as this role for now, then we can.
- Have someone assist in writing what the job description proposal could be: have it ready by the Spring Retreat. Reflect on Sustainability Office Letter.

Sustainability Office Letter:

- Didn't write a letter: clarified what our opinions were and a basis from which to start
- Meet with Sustainability Office once we get a better version
- See Sarah's email: she will email it out or use Google Docs and we will go over it and provide comments
- Next Steps, to edit and add things; meet with Sustainability Office to set up assimilating documents
- Complete in 2 weeks

Earth Summit Class Raps:

- Class Raps next week
- Talk about Earth Summit
- Talk about SEC/ General Gathering
- 10 second spiel: It is an opportunity for students, community, and staff to create a vision for the campus. Desiree will send out something later.
- Mention free, organic, local lunch
- T-shirts and bags are ordered: allocating is getting figured out

Internships:

- How do we make an easier transition for internships?
- How can we incorporate more members into the SEC?
- How do we make sure space and capacity is available for interns?
- Maybe have them meet with Joyce and co-chairs for an hour about everything
- Will bike rack: Cat and Steve are providing an example of a successful meeting
- Met with Tim and Joyce; came in with an idea that was very specified

- Meeting with Tim and Joyce had helped them broaden their project ideas and provide them with a means through which to expand their project
- It's best not to think about the end product, but the step by step process
- Jason and Katie spent just the first part of the quarter trying to figure everything out
- Documenting campaigns would be biggest help to campaigns
- Make an FAQ
- Chris Kron could help expand ideas

Bike Rack:

- Full Internship discussion

Next Steps:

- Mid Quarter Check-in 11-1pm on Sunday, Sarah Olsen's house, 1616 Bay St
- Edit and add to the sustainability office letter; use track changes (compiled in 2 weeks)
- Earth Summit class raps next week! Desiree will email an elevator pitch